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nucleic acid. Triple helix formation results in inhibition of gene expression by, for example, preventing transcription of the target gene (see, e.g., Cheng et al., 1988, J. Biol. Chem. 263:15110; Ferrin and Camerini-Otero, 1991, Science 354:1494; Ramdas et al., 1989, J. Biol. Chem. 264:17395; Strobel et al., 1991, Science 254:1639; and Rigas et al., 1986, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 83:9591).

# IN THE CLAIMS:

# Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Amended) A method of identifying a patient with a disorder or at risk for a disorder of abnormal regulation of cytochrome P450 metabolism of unsaturated fatty acids, the method comprising
- (a) assaying levels of a linoleic acid diol or its respective glucuronide conjugate in a sample from the patient, and
- (b) determining whether said levels are increased, wherein increased levels in the sample indicate the patient has, or is at risk for, a disorder of abnormal regulation of cytochrome P450 metabolism of unsaturated fatty acids.

#### **REMARKS**

## I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-10 are pending.

## II. The Present Amendments

No new matter has been added by the present amendments.

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